

REMARKS

Claims 1-36 have been cancelled. Claims 37-45 have been added. Therefore claims 37-45 remain pending in the application.

Section 102(b) Rejection

The Office Action rejected cancelled claims 1-8, 13-23 and 28-30 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Woolley, et al. (U.S. Patent 5,804,810) (hereinafter “Woolley”). Woolley fails to teach or suggest: routinely transporting a plurality of standard carriers on a plurality of shipping routes; if shipping different portions of the shipment over different ones of the plurality of shipping routes costs less than shipping all of the shipment over a same one of the plurality of shipping routes, placing a portion of the plurality of containers in one of the plurality of standard carriers to be transported on one of the plurality of shipping routes and placing another portion of the plurality of containers in another one of the plurality of standard carriers to be transported on a different one of the plurality of shipping routes; and storing data indicative of the destination in each container memory device attached to one of the plurality of containers, as recited in claim 37. Claims 38-45 depend from claim 37. Accordingly, Woolley fails to anticipate, teach, or suggest claims 37-45.

Section 103(a) Rejection

The Office Action rejected cancelled claims 9-12, 24-27, and 31-40 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Woolley in view of various references. Applicant asserts that these references, both alone and in combination, fail to teach or suggest claims 37-45 for at least the foregoing reasons given above with respect to claim 37.

CONCLUSION

Applicants submit the application is in condition for allowance, and an early notice to that effect is requested.

If any extensions of time (under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136) are necessary to prevent the above referenced application(s) from becoming abandoned, Applicant(s) hereby petition for such extensions. If any fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account No. 501505/5596-00500/RCK.

Also enclosed herewith are the following items:

- Return Receipt Postcard
- Petition for Extension of Time
- Request for Approval of Drawing Changes
- Notice of Change of Address
- Fee Authorization Form authorizing a deposit account debit in the amount of \$ for fees ().
- Other:

Respectfully submitted,



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